

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

DAVIS ET AL

Serial No. Continuation of 08/871,641

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: Portner

For: ASSAYS

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PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

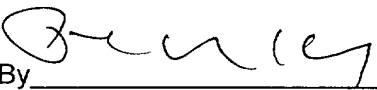
This continuation is being filed for the purpose of prosecuting further claims differing from those allowed in the applicant's allowed parent.

It is planned to file a preliminary amendment shortly. However, if the Examiner should reach the application for action before the amendment is filed, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

A PTO-1449 listing the art of record in the parent case is attached. The references should be of record in the parent but, if the Examiner should need any of these references, it is requested that the undersigned be informed.

Respectfully submitted,

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